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SUBJECT: FCO MINISTER OF STATE JUDD'S VISIT TO CYPRUS

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1. FCO (WINCHESTER, HEAD OF SOUTHERN EUROPE DEPT) GAVE
EMBOFF PRELIMINARY GLIMPSE OF DISCUSSIONS FRANK JUDD
HELD WITH KYPRIANOU, CHRISTOPHIDES, AND DENKTASH DURING
HIS VISIT TO CYPRUS MAR 3-5. FOLLOWING IS BASED ON FCO
READOUT OF REPORTS FROM UK HICOM NICOSIA AND SUPPLEMENT
REFTEL.

2. SPEAKING TO DENKTASH, JUDD SAID TURKISH CYPRIOT
PROPOSALS SHOULD NOT CONTAIN ANYTHING TO COMPEL GREEK
CYPRIOTS TO REJECT THEM OUT OF HAND.
DENKTASH EVADED JUDD'S INQUIRY AS TO WHAT ASPECTS OF
SETTLEMENT TURK CYPRIOTS WOULD CONSIDER CRUCIAL.

3. PUTTING SAME QUESTION TO CHRISTOPHIDES ELICITED
RESPONSE NOTED PARA 4 REFTEL WITH ADDITION OF TWO POINT
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A) A GREEK CYPRIOT WARNING AGAINST ANY KIND OF JOINT,
INTERIM GOVERNMENT, WHICH WOULD DENIGRATE LEGITIMACY OF
GOC; AND B) AN ASSERTION THAT ANY MAINLAND IMMIGRANTS
ILLEGALLY RESIDING IN TURKISH SECTORS SHOULD BE
REPATRIATED.

4. KYPRIANOU TOLD JUDD HE HAD NOT YET REACHED CONCLU-

SION ON TURKISH MOTIVES IN INITIATING ECEVIT-CARAMANLIS MEETING, BUT (PREDICTABLY) DID NOT EXCLUDE THAT ECEVIT ONLY WISHES TO APPEAR SINCERE IN ORDER TO GET THE U.S. ARMS EMBARGO RESCINDED. KYPRIANOU ASKED JUDD TO RAISE MISSING PERSONS ISSUE WITH TURKS, BUT JUDD AVOIDED ANY COMMITMENTS IN THIS AREA.

5. WHILE KYPRIANOU BELIEVED GOC HAD BEEN "DECEIVED" BY EGYPTIANS DURING LARNACA AIRPORT EPISODE, HE SAID IT IS IMPORTANT TO RESTORE CYPRIOT RELATIONS WITH EGYPT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE THANKED UK FOR LOOKING AFTER CYPRIOT INTERESTS IN CAIRO AND PROMISED THE GOC WOULD DEAL WITH THE TWO HIJACKERS "EXPEDITIOUSLY" AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH CYPRIOT LAW.

6. JUDD SPENT CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME, ACCORDING TO FCO, ON DETAILS OF CYPRIOT NEGOTIATIONS WITH EC, BUT WITH NO NEW ELEMENTS EMERGING. ACCORDING FCO AND LONDON PRESS, JUDD ALSO RAISED WITH DENKTASH THE APPROXIMATELY 3000 CLAIMS (INVOLVING 10 TO 20 MILLION POUNDS STERLING) BY BRITONS WHO LOST PROPERTY DURING THE TURKISH INVASION. DENKTASH PROMISED THAT THE TURK CYPRIOTS WOULD SOON BE ISSUING GUIDELINES FOR THESE CLAIMANTS.

7. COMMENT. JUDD WAS ACCOMPANIED BY IAN SUTHERLAND, CONFIDENTIAL

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PRESENTLY ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE IN THE FCO AND SLATED SHORTLY TO BECOME HM'S AMBASSADOR TO ATHENS. IT WAS JUDD'S FIRST VISIT TO CYPRUS. WE SUSPECT THIS DIRECT EXPOSURE TO THE POLITICS AND PERSONALITIES ON THE ISLAND WILL HAVE A BENEFICIAL EFFECT ON JUDD, WHO IN PAST--AS THE MINISTER MOST CONCERNED WITH UK POLICY IN THE AREA--HAS EXHIBITED SIGNS OF IMPATIENCE WITH THE PACE AND RESULTS OF THE CYPRUS DIPLOMATIC PROCESS.

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